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FROM: ASST SECY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
TAGS: MASS, SO, SA
SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO SOMALIA

REF: (A) STATE 73722 (B) STATE 73227

1. WISH FOCUS ON TALKING POINTS FOR SAUDI ARABIA (PARA 8
REF B) IN WHICH DEPARTMENT PROPOSES I TELL SAUDIS THAT IN LIGHT
CONCERN VOICED BY US CONGRESS ON POSSIBLE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS
BY SAUDI ARABIA WE DO NOT RPT NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE AT THIS
MOMENT PURSUE SAUDI THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS WITH REGARD TO
SOMALIA.

2. THIS POSITION SEEKS DANGEROUSLY INCONSISTENT WITH ASSURANCE
I GAVE PRESIDENT SIAD IN ACCORDANCE PARA 1 A REF A THAT WE WILL
BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY ON CASE BY CASE BASIS
TRANSFERS OF US-ORIGIN ITEMS. IN SEVERAL RESPECTS SAUDIS ARE
MOST LOGICAL SOURCE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS FOR SOMALIA AND
THEY ARE CERTAINLY SOURCE TO WHICH SIAD WOULD FIRST
EXPECT TO TURN. WHEN WORD OF SUCH A STATEMENT TO SAUDIS GETS
BACK TO SIAD AS IT SURELY WILL HE WILL THINK WE WORSE THAN
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INCONSISTENT. SIAD'S MIND WILL SEIZE UPON DISCREPANCY AND
BOTH HE AND OTHERS IN SOMALI LEADERSHIP ARE LIKELY TO READ THIS
AS EVIDENCE OF US DUPPLICITY, A SUSPICION TO WHICH THEY ARE ALL-
TOO PRONE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THEIR OWN RATIONALIZED VERSION
OF RECENT EVENTS.

3. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT LANGUAGE OF PARA 8 REF B BE

CONSIDERED AGAIN BY DEPARTMENT. IT MAY BE WISE TO SIGNAL THE QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN ABOUT SAUDI THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS, BUT I SHOULD NOT RPT NOT LIKE TO GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT TRANSFERS THEREFORE DID NOT SEEM ADVISABLE.

4. PLEASE PROVIDE CLARIFICATION TO EMBASSY JIDDA IN TIME FOR MY MEETINGS WHICH MAY OCCUR AS EARLY AS THURSDAY EVENING LOCAL TIME.

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